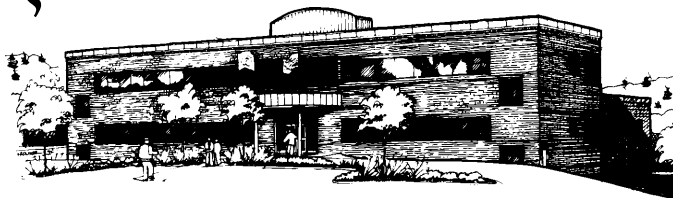




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THE GOAL WAS REACHED!!

**The "Call to Brotherhood"
was answered.**

The Town of Pittsburg has a new fire station.

A heartfelt thank you to all volunteer workers, vendors, and support staff. It never would have happened without each and every one of you.

Names are too many to mention here in this short space.

With deepest gratitude,
The members and families of the Pittsburg Fire Department and
Pittsburg Ambulance Corps

New Hampshire State Firemen's Association

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September 11, 12, & 13, 1998

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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE FIREFIGHTERS

Subscriptions to the bi-monthly Newsletter are available to NH Firefighters at no charge simply by completing the request below.

Name: _____

S.S. # _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Fire Dept. Affiliation: Full Time Career (over \$10,000 Annually?): Yes () No ()

Primary Fire Department: _____

Rank: _____

Secondary Fire Department: _____ Rank: _____

Highest Level of Education: High School () College 2 yr. () College 4 yrs. () Post Grad. ()

Levels of Certification:

FF I () FF Career () FF 2 () FF 3 () D/O () 1st Resp. () EMT () B () A () I ()

Other: _____

EMS: _____

State Instructor: Yes () No () If yes, certified courses taught in the last year:

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Concord NH 03305

Calendar of Events

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| Wed. | 09/02 | NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting | NHFA |
| Mon. | 09/09 | Firefighter I (A&B) Monday/Wednesday begins | NHFA |
| Fri. | 09/11 | Fire Officer-Fall 1998 Application Deadline | NHFA |
| Fri. | 09/11-09/13 | NH State Firemen's Association Convention | NHFA |
| Sun. | 09/13 | 101st Annual Firemen's Association Parade | Concord |
| Sun. | 09/13-09/19 | Rescue Systems I | NHFA |
| Wed. | 10/07 | NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting | NHFA |
| Mon. | 10/05-10/09 | Fire Officer Program-Fall 1998 Week One | NHFA |
| Mon. | 10/19-10/20 | Combatting Juvenile Firesetting Workshop | NHFA |
| Sat. | 10/24-10/25 | Incident Safety Officer T-T-T | NHFA |

**NH Fire Standards & Training
and
the Manchester Professional Firefighters Local 856
are pleased to sponsor:**

***Fueling the Fire Fighter
and
Using Heart Rate Monitors to Increase
Physical Fitness Performance & Recovery***

PRESENTED BY: CAROLINE SMITH, M.S. & POLAR ELECTRO: THE HEART RATE MONITOR COMPANY
DATE: September 17, 1998, 08:00 hrs.
LOCATION: NH Fire Academy
COST: Free

***For more information or to sign up, please contact
the Manchester Fire Department Training Division or the NH Fire Academy.***

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Caroline Smith has a Master's of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology with Bachelor Degrees in Psychology and Nutrition. She is President of SportsSense Co., a company that specializes in consulting individuals and groups in both the exercise and nutrition areas.

She was the City of Richardson's Wellness Coordinator where she has created and implemented a physical fitness and assessment program for fire and police personnel. She customizes exercise programs for employees by using heart rate monitors and is a consultant to Polar Electro Heart Rate Monitor Company. She developed the "Fueling the Fire Fighter" program which has been presented across the nation. In addition, she is a regular contributor to several Fire/EMS publications and triathlon club newsletters. She has appeared on FETN Channel 10 network for firefighters in the Mind and Body series and on Channels 4's Medical Advisory section.

She has done presentations on a wide variety of topics to a number of corporations such as: American Airlines, IBM, TU Electric, State Farm, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Texas Instruments, Anderson Consulting and Ford Motor Company. She has also done presentations for various fire departments and assisted individuals within those departments throughout the country such as Arlington, VA, Austin, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Aurora, IL and Orlando, FL. She believes in teaching individuals how to change their lifestyle by having them ask themselves, "Is what I am doing now working, and if not, what can I do to change it," then providing the knowledge to give them a way to answer this question.

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Division of Fire Safety - Director

(State Fire Marshal)

Donald P. Bliss

New Legislation Could Provide Fire Service with Billions

Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) is expected to introduce legislation that could grant the fire service \$5 billion over five years. This bill, termed the "21st Century Fire and Public Safety Act", is similar to earlier federal legislation that provided additional funding for police services across the country. The goal of this program is to enable local governments and firefighters to better protect public safety against fire and fire-related hazards.

While details of the legislation are still being discussed, the main points of the measure are in place. The program would authorize a total of \$5 billion dollars to be spread out equally over 5 years. The program would be administered by the United States Fire Administration. Monetary grants would be made to local governments of both volunteer and paid fire departments on a competitive basis. Local governments would be required to match a varying percentage of the funds based on their

community's population level. No more than 10 percent of each grant may be spent on the administrative costs of administering the grant.

Grants received from this program could be used for many different purposes, including the training of additional firefighters, the acquisition of new equipment, the enforcement of fire codes, and public education about arson prevention and detection.

Traditionally, the fire service has been a much-neglected area of public safety when it comes to federal funding. In 1995, the federal government spent more than \$7 billion on police protection. Fire service funding for 1995 was so little that it was not reported. The NVFC and the other major fire groups are working closely with Representative Pascrell to finalize the language of this legislation. As of this writing, Representatives Rob Andrews and Steny Hoyer have agreed to co-sponsor this bill.

NVFC Prevails on Important Haz Mat Provision

On May 28, the NVFC, in conjunction with other major fire service organizations, succeeded in keeping the hazardous materials safety regulations that took 10 years to negotiate intact.

After a long, tumultuous debate over the \$216 billion transportation bill, Congress decided that a provision to exempt agricultural businesses from federal hazardous materials safety regulations was too controversial and struck the amendment from the conference language. The NVFC was an original and vocal opponent of this controversial provision.

Patience and persistence paid off for the NVFC and allied organizations that embarked on a full-fledged campaign to rally Members of Congress to oppose the agricultural exemption. The fire service groups sent a letter to all of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) bill conferees. This letter voiced

strong objections to the provision, citing that if passed, the provision would endanger first responders as well as compromise public safety.

Fire service leaders were quick to acknowledge Fire Caucus Co-chairman Senator John McCain, and Fire Caucus Member Senator Ernest Hollings for assisting the fire service in getting the provision removed. The NVFC is pleased to have succeeded in this measure that protects firefighters.

The TEA 21 bill is a six-year surface transportation plan that would provide the nation's biggest investment in construction for the U.S. Highway System since the 1950's. The proposed amendment, which was defeated, would have effectively allowed agricultural motor carriers to transport large quantities of hazardous materials without placards and shipping papers. President Clinton is expected to sign the bill.

FALL 1998 FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM

WHEN: APPLICATION DUE DATE: Friday, September 11, 1998
 ORIENTATION DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 1998 @ 09:00
 WEEK ONE: October 5 - October 9, 1998
 WEEK TWO: October 19 - October 23, 1998
 WEEK THREE: November 2 - November 6, 1998

TIME: 08:00 - 17:00 hours daily

WHERE: New Hampshire Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord, NH

COST: \$250.00 with NH Fire Department affiliation (meals not included)
 \$475.00 without NH Fire Department affiliation (meals not included)
 Payment or Payment Advice Form due Tuesday, September 22, 1998

PREREQUISITES: 1. NH Firefighter II certified (copy of certificate required);
Either new or old curriculum accepted.
 2. ICS certified (copy of certificate required).
 3. Educational Methodology (16 hours) certified (copy of certificate required).

REGISTRATION: Early registration is recommended as limited space is available.

SPECIAL NOTES: 1. Lodging available; advanced request necessary.
 2. Contact Lin Turner at the NH Fire Academy at 1-800-371-4503 or (603) 271-2661 to obtain an application packet.

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RICHARD M. FLYNN FIRE ACADEMY, Concord, New Hampshire

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13, 1998

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

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| SEMINARS | 9AM TO 4PM |
| REGISTRATION AT FIRE ACADEMY | 8:30AM TO 10AM & 12:00PM TO 1PM |
| VENDORS & EXHIBITS | 9AM TO 4PM |
| RECEPTION WITH ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HOLIDAY INN | 7PM TO 11:30PM |

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1998

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| VENDORS & EXHIBITS | 9AM TO 4PM |
| SEMINARS | 9AM TO 4PM |
| BUSINESS MEETING | 1:30PM |
| LUNCHEON AND COMPANION PROGRAM (FEE \$10.00) | 11AM TO 3PM |

SOCIAL & BANQUET-AT BEKTASH TEMPLE, CONCORD 6PM TO 11:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1998

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| BREAKFAST AT FIRE ACADEMY | 7AM TO 10AM |
| ROUND TABLE AT FIRE ACADEMY | 10AM |
| PARADE DOWNTOWN CONCORD | 1PM |

JOSEPH M. GRIFFIN, SECRETARY

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL EVENTS (except luncheon) \$20.00 PER PERSON,
 ALL EVENTS EXCEPT BANQUET & LUNCHEON \$5.00 PER PERSON
 LUNCHEON PROGRAM \$10.00



New Hampshire Fire Academy and the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association *present the*

“Flashover Safety and Survival Program”

(1 day program) at the 101st Annual Convention on September 11 and 12, 1998 at the Fire Academy

TIME: 8:30 - 4:00 each day
COST: \$0.00
LOCATION: NHFA — Dry Lab and Training Grounds

In order to take part in the program, please follow these instructions:

The Student Must:

1. Be a member of a Fire Department .
2. Fill out a general application form in advance of the class. Forms can be obtained from the NHFA @ 1-800-371-4503. PLEASE **return to the NHFA by Wednesday, September 2, 1998.**
3. Be aware that there are only 16 slots available each day. The slots will be filled in the order, by date, that the completed applications arrive at the NHFA. Faxes will NOT be accepted.
4. On THURSDAY September 3, 1998, important information will be sent to the registered students. The information covers preparatory actions that the participant must accomplish before entering the flashover container.
5. Students must bring / furnish their own NFPA compliant Structural firefighting gear, including helmet without faceshield and not polycarbonate, coat, pants, boots, gloves, hood and SCBA. All gear will be checked for compliance and serviceability before being allowed to take part.

All applications, questions, concerns should be directed to:

Operations Chief Jim Litevich
New Hampshire Fire Academy
10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
1-800-371-4503

“The Fire Department Promotional Process”

at the 101st Annual Convention on September 11 and 12, 1998 at the Fire Academy

TIMES: Friday 9-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm Saturday 9- 11:30 am
COST: \$0.00
LOCATION: NHFA — Classrooms 2,3

In order to take part in the program, please follow these instructions:

The Student Must:

1. Fill out a general application form in advance of the class. Forms can be obtained from the NHFA @ 1-800-371-4503. PLEASE **return to the NHFA by Wednesday, September 2, 1998.**

The application process will enable us to assemble an appropriate number of student handouts so that all have the proper information.

Request for applications, questions, and concerns should be directed to:

Operations Chief Jim Litevich
New Hampshire Fire Academy
10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
1-800-371-4503

**New Hampshire Fire Academy and the
New Hampshire State Firemen's Association
*present the***

“Introduction to Fire Investigation”

at the 101st Annual Convention on September 11 and 12, 1998 at the Fire Academy

TIMES: Friday 9-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm Saturday 9- 11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm
COST: \$0.00
LOCATION: NHFA — Auditorium

“Fire Department Inspection Practices”

at the 101st Annual Convention on September 11 and 12, 1998 at the Fire Academy

TIMES: Friday 9-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm Saturday 9- 11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm
COST: \$0.00
LOCATION: NHFA — “Dirty” Classroom

***“Marketing Your Fire Department with
The Citizen's Fire Academy”***

at the 101st Annual Convention on September 11 and 12, 1998 at the Fire Academy

TIMES: Friday 9-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm Saturday 9- 11:30 am
COST: \$0.00
LOCATION: NHFA — Classroom 1

In order to take part in the program, please follow these instructions:

THE STUDENT MUST:

1. Fill out a general application form in advance of the class. Forms can be obtained from the NHFA @ 1-800-371-4503.
PLEASE return to the NHFA by Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

The application process will enable us to assemble an appropriate number of student handouts so that all have the proper information.

Request for applications, questions, and concerns should be directed to:

Operations Chief Jim Litevich
New Hampshire Fire Academy
10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
1-800-371-4503

***New Hampshire Fire Academy
and the
New Hampshire Firemen's Association***

Announce and Invite you to the

101st Annual Convention Parade

Parade will be on Sunday, September 13, 1998

Starting at 1 PM

Parade route will be through Main Street in Concord

Ending at the State House Plaza

Plan to attend or participate with your Apparatus, Float or Marching Unit

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Parade in front of the State House

**For information or to register to participate, please call
Gary Sleeper at 271-2661 Or 1-800-371-4503**

**Fire Instructors and Officers Association
of New Hampshire**

The Fire Instructors and Officers Association of New Hampshire is currently in the process of a membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a member of this association whose mission is to provide quality programs in the areas of training and education, as well as fire officer and leadership training, please complete and return the attached application.

To our current members:

An update on some coming events:

- You will be receiving a newsletter soon.
- Our association will be staffing an informational booth, and conducting a membership drive at the NH State Firemen's Convention. We need help manning the booth.
- Our association will be preparing and serving a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning at the NH State Firemen's Convention.

The convention dates are September 11,12,13. The convention is to be held at the NH Fire Academy. If you are available to lend a hand, please contact John Beland at 524-7500 or e-mail captkaos@worldpath.net



Fire Instructors and Officers Association of New Hampshire

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Rank/Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: H _____ W _____ E-Mail _____

Fire Department or Organization _____

I hereby apply for: _____ Active Membership _____ Associate Membership _____ Student Membership _____ Honorary Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: A) Certified NH Fire Instructor B) Chief of Fire Standards & Training C) Officers of recognized Fire Department

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Any person interested in the furtherance of Fire Service Training.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Any Fire Science/Protection Student

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00 per year

Please submit completed application with application fee to: FIOANH, c/o Richard Wood, 25 Falconer Ave., Milford NH 03055

I agree to take an active and interested part in the work and aims of the Fire Instructors and Officers Association of New Hampshire and will do my utmost to advance firefighting training and education in New Hampshire and to cultivate fraternal fellowship and mutual programs of training methods between all Fire Service organizations, both State and Local.

Date of Application

Signature of Applicant

NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM



The Granite State

NHRS Laws of 1998

Chapter 198 HB 1245 *Effective 6/18/98*

Extends the "prudent investor rule" for investing NHRS assets for five more years. The prudent investor mandate will be reviewed at least every five years.

Chapter 215 SB 362 *Effective 7/1/98*

Provides a process for appeal of the 1989 decision by the Director of State Personnel, Division of Administrative Services, to decertify certain N.H. Department of Corrections positions from Group II to Group I.

Chapter 232 SB 53-FN *Effective 8/23/98*

Extends the Group II medical subsidy under RSA 100-A:52 to include police officer members who were active or retired as of June 30, 1993, and firefighter members who were active or retired as of June 30, 1995. Coverage is also extended to Group II members on accidental disability retirement who became members after June 30, 1988, but before July 1, 1993, in the case of police officers and before July 1, 1995, in the case of firefighters.

Chapter 287 SB 423-FN *Effective 8/25/98*

Provides eligibility for cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) to retired members and beneficiaries who have been retired for at least twelve months as of July 1, 1999, and every July 1st thereafter. When the Fiscal Committee of the NH Legislature approves COLAs, members who have been retired for at least twelve months as of July 1st will receive the COLA on their latest retirement anniversary date, retroactive from July 1st back to their latest retirement anniversary date. (Prior to this legislation, COLAs were granted on July 1st of each year to members who were retired for at least twenty-four months as of that July 1st.)

Chapter 302 HB 630-FN *Effective 6/30/98*

Permits Group I members, as of January 1, 1999, to offset the actuarial reduction for early retirement through additional voluntary member contributions made by the member or by the employer on behalf of the member prior to retirement. Instead of applying the additional contributions to offsetting the early retirement reduction, members may withdraw their contributions with applicable interest in a lump sum.

NOTICE

The Division has been made aware of an error in the mailing list supplied to the New Hampshire Retirement System regarding Call and Volunteer Firefighter Benefits. This has been corrected. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience which the error may have caused.



NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS



National Fire Academy 1998-1999 Direct Delivery Schedule

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 1998

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (ISO)

This course will prepare the instructor to deliver the Incident Safety Officer Program. This two-day course will examine the role of the Safety Officer at emergency situations. A specific focus on operations within the Incident Command System (ICS) as a Safety Officer is a main theme.

NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 1998

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (BLS)

This course will prepare the instructor to deliver the Basic Life Support and Hazardous Materials Program. This two-day course will emphasize critical concerns for emergency medical responders at hazardous materials incidents. Elements of this course include safety issues for emergency medical responders at hazardous materials incidents. Elements of this course include safety issues for emergency medical service—hazardous materials response, management of contaminated victims requiring emergency medical support, decontamination and treatment procedures of a basic life support nature, transportation and receiving facilities.

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 1999

INFECTION CONTROL FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL: SUPERVISOR'S ROLE (ICERP)

This course is designed to improve the understanding of fire service officers and emergency medical service first-line supervisors about protection of the individual and department/station personnel from a full range of infectious diseases spread through occupational or other exposure.

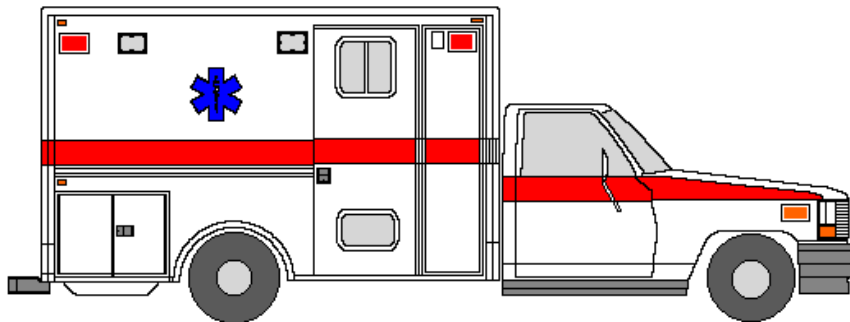
MARCH 13 & 14, 1999

COMMUNITY RISK ISSUES AND PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS (CRIPI)

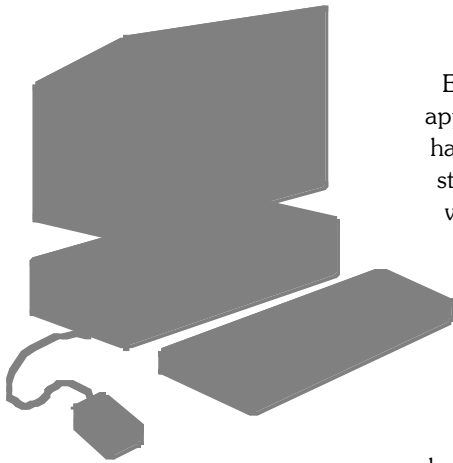
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The course is designed for students who work in the field of prevention. Students learn a basic overview of the three E's of prevention—education, engineering, and enforcement. The course concludes that the most effective way to combat community risk issues is to develop strategies that use all three E's. The course is designed to provide the motivation and leadership for local organizations to enhance their prevention efforts.

GENERAL INFORMATION: All programs will be held at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. For further information please call NHFA at (603) 271-2661 or 1-800-371-4503



Fire Services Face Y2k Challenge



Emmitsburg, Md. — The approach of the Year 2000 has captured attention and stirred imaginations worldwide. Much has been written about the impact of this date change on computer systems.

There are currently many automated and intelligent computer systems not designed to account for the millennial date change of January 1, 2000. If not addressed, there is a legitimate concern that the Year 2000 Problem could consequently affect our nation's telecommunications systems.

Michael K. Powell, Defense Commissioner for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), recently discussed the problem in an article entitled "The Year 2000 Bug and Public Safety Communications." With his permission, this piece borrows heavily from his article to address related issues that could impact fire and emergency services.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the FCC, are particularly concerned about the public safety communications networks and operational systems that fire departments and emergency service organizations rely upon to ensure prompt and continuous emergency services to the public. It is possible that the Y 2000 Problem could affect electronic devices as diverse as security systems, communications and dispatch systems, 911 reporting systems, and the microcomputers that help run apparatus and climate control systems.

"Problems with any of these systems would have a negative impact on emergency services ability to respond," said USFA Administrator Carrye B. Brown. "The fire and emergency services community must make checking and correcting these vital systems a top priority for Year 2000 readiness."

Many fire departments nationwide have already acted to fix Year 2000 Problems. Yet, there is concern that some departments are just now realizing the seriousness of the problem, and have not yet taken the necessary steps to prevent system disruptions. There will be no last minute miracle fix and the deadline cannot be negotiated. No one can afford to put off the inevitable any longer. America's public safety communications networks and operational systems must be made ready for the Year 2000.

By acting now, departments can ensure that Year 2000 incidents are minor annoyances rather than major catastrophes.

Fire chiefs are strongly encouraged to establish an open dialogue with equipment suppliers and manufacturers. Take advantage of the special services created to deal with this issue. Many manufacturers have done mass mailings to inform customers of their Year 2000 efforts. Special Internet sites with catalogs of compliant and non-compliant products have been established. There are also a number of manufacturers with 24-hour telephone support hotlines.

Fire departments should also undertake readiness programs to troubleshoot potential problems and examine all mission-critical systems. Good planning must also recognize that in spite of these best efforts, some systems and network elements could fail on or after January 1, 2000.

Therefore fire departments and other emergency service organizations must develop contingency plans.

The USFA has developed a brochure addressing frequently asked questions about Y2K. As part of its outreach to the fire and emergency services, this brochure has been mailed to all fire departments, State Fire Marshals, major fire service organizations, and State Fire Training Directors.

This information, along with a procedure for determining if a computer system is Y2K compliant, has been posted on the USFA World Wide Web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/y2kcom.htm.

"With the help of our partners at the state and local levels we can get the word to the fire service community in adequate time to devise solutions and avoid problems and confusion in the future," Brown said.

FEMA, including USFA, is actively working to make its internal systems compliant. FEMA and the FCC are also full and active participants on the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion. The FCC has established a Y2K page on the Internet, located at www.fcc.gov/year2000/ which serves as a resource center concerning the Year 2000 Problem and telecommunications, including public safety communications. The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion has also established a special Internet web site at www.y2k.gov.

The challenge of implementing Year 2000 readiness squarely rests with those in charge of public safety offices, including fire departments, nationwide. Department chiefs and supervisors must develop a clear understanding of what needs to be done to successfully meet the Year 2000 Problem. Public safety officials must make certain that if Year 2000 related problems develop, they have contingency plans in place. Our national well-being, the fabric of our communities depends on the reliability of public safety communications services.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions to The Fire Service News are encouraged. For consideration, articles and photographs should be of interest to New Hampshire firefighters and the greater fire service community. Black & White photographs provide the best clarity. Direct submissions, with appropriate publication releases, to:

**Editor
The Fire Service News
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03305**

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